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Testimony In Favor of
SB 988

AA Implementing The Recommendations Of The Program Review
And Investigations Committee Concerning The Farmland Preservation Program

I am Martin Mador, 130 Highland Ave., Hamden, CT 06518. I am the volunteer Legislative Chair for the Connecticut Chapter of the Sierra Club. I hold a Masters of Environmental Management degree from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

Connecticut has recognized the many ways active farmland contributes to not only our food supply, but our quality of life. The Sierra Club has often supported the preservation of farmland in the state.

We have specific goals for open space preservation and, to some extent, track our progress acquiring and preserving open space to achieve that goal.

This bill proposes we do the same with farmland. It establishes a program to both monitor our progress and to institute a stewardship program to ensure that preservation promises are kept so that the land in fact remains farmland.

The Sierra Club strongly endorses this bill.